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IMPORTANCE: Not previously reported. Standard unit for first aid in the field.

DESCRIPTION: This set consists of sixteen (16) wooden chests, 29" x 20" x 15", covered with reddish-brown enamelled pressboard and metal reinforced. These chests have metal hinges and hasps with a leather "skirt" around the cover to make it leak-proof.

Each chest has leather covered rope handles at each end and the international Red Cross on the back and on each end.

The Japanese characters on the top of each chest mean "Pannier for the Medical Corps". Each chest has an inventory list on the inside of the cover. A translation of each inventory list and a photograph of the unit is included in this report.

COMMENT: Lt. General Taraji Shimizu and Colonel Takezo Suyenaga of the Japanese Medical Corps were interviewed regarding this unit. According to their report, this unit was of standard type, designed long before the recent conflict, and widely used. This set had not been supplanted by a newer design except that toward the end of the war, cheaper

wooden chests were substituted for the more difficult-made presswood chests. (see MTR #165)

The nomenclature "Hospital, Regimental" is used in this report to classify the unit. Actually, this unit was carried by the "Eisei tai", literally "Sanitary Unit", of a division. Each division had one "Eisei tai" and this had three (3) of these sets, all identical. Since there are three of these sets per division, the name "Hospital, Regimental" was used to designate the set. This "Eisei tai" was actually no more than a unit of first aid troops.

The contents of this set are of the usual quality and design. However, in this set the usual two chests, surgical instrument, were omitted and a smaller single chest was substituted. This chest is an old type and contains good quality instruments. The instruments throughout the rest of the unit were of more recent manufacture and of poorer quality.

This unit is poorly packed and although adequate for first aid and minor surgical procedures, it is noticeably lacking in plasma (one unit in the set), plaster of paris and sulfa drugs.

Despite the fact that these chests are labeled "Pannier" they are obviously not made to be carried by pack animals. More likely, they were supposed to be carried by motor transportation.

This unit could be used to serve a small isolated garrison adequately according to Japanese medical standards.

Photographs: Fig. 1 - Chests composing Hospital, Regimental.



Fig. 1 - Chests composing Hospital, Regimental.

INVENTORY OF HOSPITAL, REGIMENTAL

CHEST #1

1.	Balance, laboratory	set	1
2.	Rolled bandage	roll	80
3.	Kit, small, for ear, nose, and throat	ea	1
4.	Boil sterilizer	set	1
5.	Syringe, large, 100 cc.	ea	3
6.	Mortar, medium size	ea	1
7.	Adhesive plaster, zinc oxide	roll	20
8.	Camphor solution, ampoule	ea	200
9.	Beta camphor solution, ampoule	ea	150
10.	Morphine solution, ampoule	ea	400
11.	Syringe		
	a. 20 cc.	ea	4
	b. 5 cc.	ea	5
12.	Tube sucker for hypodermic syringe	ea	20
13.	Scissors for miscellaneous use	ea	3
14.	Forceps, long, gauze	ea	20
15.	Catheter, Nelaton, set of 6	ea	1
16.	Tape, measuring	ea	1
17.	Thermometer, clinical	ea	5
18.	Wire cutter	ea	1
19.	Thermometer	ea	1
20.	Catheter, stomach tube	ea	1
21.	Syringe, urine passage	ea	1
22.	Tongue depressor, metal	ea	10
23.	Dropping bottle, eye	ea	3
24.	Sandarac varnish	gm	25
25.	Needles,		
	a. for large syringe	ea	50
	b. for hypodermic syringe	ea	200
	c. spinal	ea	5
	d. for local paralysis	ea	10
26.	Kit, dental	ea	1
27.	Kit, vaccination	ea	1
28.	Strop	ea	1

CHEST #2

1.	Irrigator, small and medium size	ea	1
2.	Pus pan, small and medium size	ea	1
3.	Kit, surgical, (missing)	ea	1
4.	Gown, operating	ea	8
5.	Absorbent cotton	gm	5500
6.	Rubber tube	meter	3

CHEST #3

1.	Rolled bandage	roll	120
2.	Kit, surgical	ea	1
(Substitute Surgical Kit in place of #1 and #2)			
3.	Razor	set	2
4.	Anaesthetic applicator	set	1
5.	Portable syringe, saline water	set	3
6.	Medicine cup	ea	3
7.	Tourniquet	ea	10
8.	Test tube	ea	6
9.	Silk thread,		
	a. No. 2	gm	54
	b. No. 4	gm	33
	c. No. 6	gm	16
	d. No. 7	gm	8
10.	Silk thread, formaline,		
	a. No. 4	gm	30
	b. No. 6	gm	200
11.	Rubber gloves	pr	6
12.	Mask, operating, small	ea	4

CHEST #4

1.	Gas gangrene serum, bottle	ea	30
2.	Tincture of Iodine, large tube	ea	50
3.	Sodium citrate solution	ea	10
4.	Medical wine, 500 gm. bottle	ea	2
5.	Tincture of Iodine, 500 gm. btl	ea	2
6.	Alcohol, 500 gm. bottle	ea	3
7.	Ether, for anaesthetic, bottle	ea	8
8.	Lysol, 500 gm. bottle	ea	1
9.	Chlorethyl, (etyl chloride), btl		
		ea	10
10.	Novocain, bottle	ea	100
11.	Serum, standard, dried	box	1
12.	Eczema cure solution, 500 gm, btl		
		ea	1

CHEST #5

1.	Distilled water, sterilized, btl	ea	30
2.	Rolled bandage	roll	80
3.	Spirit of Chlorcresol, bottle	ea	20
4.	Vaseline	gm	500
5.	Boric acid ointment	gm	200
6.	Salt tablets	ea	500
7.	Corrosive sublimate tablets	ea	1000
8.	Ointment, liver oil	gm	3200
9.	Pick's plaster, (plaster saponin salicylate)	ea	1

10.	Liquid measurer,		
	a. 10 cc.	ea	1
	b. 100 cc.	ea	1
11.	Iodoform	gm	25
12.	Starch, zinc oxide	gm	100
13.	Quinine chloride tablets	ea	200
14.	Zinc sulphate tablets	ea	50
15.	Aspirin tablets	ea	70
16.	Opium tablets	ea	200
17.	Acrinol tablets, for external use	ea	300
18.	Atropine tablets	ea	1000
19.	Epirenamin solution, bottle	ea	50
20.	Vitamin B solution, bottle	ea	200
21.	Medicine, stopping hemorrhage of intestines, bottle	ea	50
22.	Pavinal atropine solution, btl	ea	200
23.	Tropococaine, bottle	ea	20
24.	Codeine tablets	ea	200
25.	Cocaine tablets, for external use	ea	30
26.	Veronal tablets	ea	30
27.	Mercurochrome tablets	ea	500
28.	Sulphamin tablets	ea	500
29.	Spatula	ea	2
30.	Spoon	ea	2

CHEST #6

1.	Splint (Army leg splint)	ea	6
2.	Rolled bandage, No. 2	roll	350

CHEST #7

1.	Rolled bandage,		
	a. No. 1	roll	200
	b. No. 3	roll	200
2.	Name cards for the wounded, (Japanese EMT)	ea	1440

CHEST #8

1.	Bandage, package	ea	100
2.	Rolled bandage, No. 2	roll	400

CHEST #9

1.	Rolled bandage, No. 2	roll	70
2.	Triangular bandage	ea	300
3.	Splint, ladder type,		
	a. No. 1	ea	20
	b. No. 2	ea	20

CHEST #10

1. Splint, (Army leg splint)	ea	6
2. Rolled bandage	roll	350

CHEST #11

1. Rolled bandage, No. 1	roll	400
2. Splint, ladder type,		
a. No. 1	ea	20
b. No. 2	ea	20
c. No. 3	ea	10

CHEST #12

1. Splint, with quilt, for thigh	ea	20
2. Rolled bandage, No. 2	roll	250

CHEST #13

1. Gauze	roll	150
2. Absorbent cotton	gm	5000
3. Cotton	roll	5

CHEST #14

1. Gauze	roll	115
2. Bag, gauze	ea	20
3. Sterilized gauze, package	ea	1000
4. Rubber cloth, small	ea	5

CHEST #15

1. Kerosene lamp	ea	12
2. Candle	ea	84
3. Red Cross lamp	ea	1
4. Sterilized gauze, package	ea	200
5. Search lamp	ea	12
6. Bag containing tools for repair- ing medical equipment	ea	1
7. Pump, disinfecting	set	1

CHEST #16

1. Funnel	ea	2
2. National flag	ea	1
3. Basin, hand washing	ea	4
4. Red Cross flag	ea	1
5. Bucket	ea	3
6. Triangular bandage	ea	200
7. Brush, disinfecting	ea	5
8. Cotton	roll	10
9. Soap	piece	10

10.	Cellophane	sheet	3
11.	"Chart for listing the names of patients to be transported"	booklet	6
12.	"Chart for listing the articles belonging to patients"	ea	500
13.	"Monthly report concerning medical supplies"	booklet	3
14.	"Chart for listing the amount of supply and consumption in the combat"	booklet	1
15.	"Chart for listing the names of the killed and the wounded in the combat"	booklet	1
16.	"Chart for listing the casualties in the combat"	booklet	1